

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
August 1, 2014**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Lisa Derr
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Jay Westhuis, Sheriff's Department; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of July 8, 2014; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Sheriff Ninmann announced that Brian Drumm was named the officer of the year for the State of Wisconsin through the American Legion.

The Dodge County Citizens Emergency Response Team now has a "new" vehicle. Sheriff Ninmann explained to the committee the purpose of this group – i.e. assisting at crashes. There were 61 community events last year that this group of approximately 25 members assisted with. Dodge County maintains the vehicle they use.

The 911 funding resolution has already been passed.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported on recent budget actions, in that 11.7%, or approximately \$350,000 for the Courts funding comes from the State. The January, 2015 payment will be as previously received. He feels there will be a resolution regarding the State that will keep the Court appropriation as in previous years.

Judge Storck reported on the TAD (Treatment and Diversion) program and how it works for offenders. By complying with the diversion or completing a deferred prosecution agreement, an offender can avoid a conviction. Jay Westhuis, who is the TAD director, was present for this meeting. The "compass" tool that is used is similar to that being used by Probation & Parole. They went over the procedures used, and reported there have been 12 assessments done so

far already. Jay and Janet Wimmer wrote the grant. Jay was commended by the Sheriff and DA Klomberg for all the work he put into this program. The TAD office is located at Human Services and testing can be done there. Human Services can plug people into the proper programs. Jay explained that Dodge County has a unique program because of the interaction and cooperation between the departments. This helps speed up the process. Judge Storck explained that this may have an affect on alcohol court.

Judge Storck informed the Committee of a resolution to add two positions to Human Services. This matter will be taken up at the August Board meeting. Janet Wimmer will be presenting to the Board the importance of these new positions as they will be addressing new treatment programs and getting individuals into treatment promptly. These positions would not be just for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, and would involve counseling to keep prior offenders from relapsing.

The opioid abuse continues to be a concern in Dodge County. The Sheriff, DA Klomberg and Judge Bauer have started Town Hall Meetings that have been and continue to be held in various communities in the County.

DA Klomberg encouraged the Committee to support this resolution. He advised that most of the people with addition problems/offenses have had no prior criminal record. They hope to keep a major incident from happening by decreasing the wait list for treatment options. They will also have access to financial services to help families find other resources that will not be a cost to the County and will hopefully keep people out of the criminal justice system. The Sheriff also extended her support of this resolution. It was discussed that the approval for these two new positions and the funding are separate issues. Motion by Derr and second by Schraufnagel to support the creation of these positions, motion carried.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported that everything is moving well in her department.

Child Support Report: No report.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg reported that there was a trial this week for the defendant involved in the anthrax hoax to the Clerk of Courts Office and he was found guilty.

DA Klomberg informed the Committee that there is a provision in Wisconsin law for a special protocol for interviewing children that can be put into evidence during a trial that is private, safe and non-threatening. There is a suite in the DA office that then DA Bauer put in place in 2003, but that system is not functional anymore. They propose to upgrade to a digital system and hope to have that up and running shortly. Again, there has been interdepartmental cooperation between Human Services, Corporation Counsel and the Sheriff's Department. This will be the same system that the Beaver Dam Police Department uses.

Medical Examiner Report: PJ Schoebel is working with Public Health and will be giving out information at the Dodge County Fair regarding Safe Sleep, or infants alone in crib on their back. SIDS and SUDI have decreased with this new protocol. He expects to have some news coverage because of the Fair involvement.

Sheriff Department Report: The Committee Secretary read the resolution regarding the Offer to Purchase for sale of the Fox Lake Substation to the Town of Fox Lake for \$35,900.00. Action and discussion regarding this Resolution was postponed to later in the meeting.

There will be a swearing in ceremony on August 6 for both new hire and reserve deputies who are dual certified as both corrections officers and law enforcement. The Sheriff explained that her department maintains the law enforcement certification and also the guidelines needed to keep training current for these reserve deputies. These reserve deputies will be part of 2-person squads for alcohol enforcement as backup. She encouraged the Committee to attend this swearing in ceremony.

Sheriff Ninmann reported on the National Night Out to be held in Juneau on August 5, 2014.

Scott Smith reported to the Committee that \$264.00 from the Darrell Dettmann family was donated to the Crime Prevention Fund.

The Sheriff also reported that the new jail transport van was received yesterday. The Department is purchasing equipment to outfit the new SUV's. All of the old Crown Victorias have been replaced by all wheel drive vehicles. The alcohol grant will cover 3 of the 5 lightbars needed for the new vehicles.

The cost to outfit the two used pursuit Impalas recently purchased is basically for lighting as the wiring was already in place.

Regarding the possible sale of the Fox Lake Substation, Jim Mielke explained to the Committee the various time deadlines that were in the Offer and approvals needed that affected moving the matter forward.

Motion made by Schraufnagel with the second by Bischoff to approve the Resolution read earlier. Discussion was held regarding an alternative site for vehicle storage, training and evidence retention, and the Sheriff's Department reported that they are looking at alternatives – there are short-term sites available. Regarding any possible contamination at this site, it was felt that Dodge County did not cause any possible contamination and therefore would not be responsible for any clean-up. Motion carried with dissent by Pollesch.

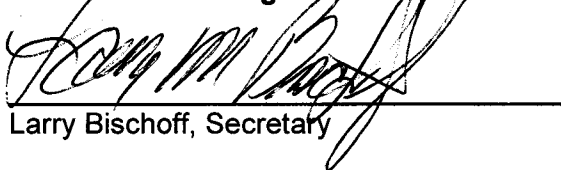
Other business: This month's presentation to the Committee was made by M.E. P.J. Schoebel. He gave the history of his department and gave the Committee a handout that he expanded on during his presentation. He explained the difference between a coroner and medical examiner and who has jurisdiction over death investigations.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary